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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS REJECT "COMMITTEE OF FOUR" PEACE
TALKS AGENDA

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1. AS EXPECTED GOP SUBMITTED "PEACE TALKS" AGENDA RECEIVED
FROM AL TOHAMY TO ZAMBOANGA GATHERING ON JULY 1, WHEREUPON
ASSEMBLED "REVELS" PROMPTLY REJECTED IT. NOTING THAT
DRAFT WAS "IDENTICAL IN LETTER AND SPIRIT TO THE DEMANDS
OF THE MNLF," MUSLIM CONFEREES STATED THAT PEOPLE OF PHILIPA
PINES HAD ALREADY REJECTED SECESSION IN REFERENDUM LAST
FEVRUARY. CONFEREES PRAISED MARCOS FOR SINCERE AND REALIS-
TIC POLICIES AND GENERALLY HEWED TO THE GOVERNMENT LINE.
RESOLUTION ISSUED BY "CROSS-SECTION OF MUSLIM LEADERS"
INVITED AL TOHAMY AND MNLF REPS TO VISIT PHILIPPINES AND
JOINTLY DISCUSS "WORKING PAPER OR AGENDA THAT MAY BE MUTU-
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ALLY ACCEPTABLE."

2. IN SEPARATE PACKAGE MUSLIM CONFEREES PRESENTED GOP WITH FOUR "DEMANDS": IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE MANPOWER TRAINING CENTERS, MORE AUTHORITY FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS TO NEGOTIATE WITH REBELS, AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW LOCAL OFFICIALS IN SULU AND BASILAN.

3. COMMENT: MOST RECENT PRESS COVERAGE INDICATES AGENDA (PARA 1) WAS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE OF FOUR (SAUDI ARABIA, SOMALIA, LIBYA AND SENEGAL) RATHER THAN BEING ENTIRELY THE WORK OF MNLF EXILE LEADERS, AS GOP WAS EARLIER SUGGESTING. PACKAGE OF DEMANDS SUBMITTED BY SO-CALLED REBELS (PARA 2) IS SAFELY CLOSE TO WHAT GOP IS ALREADY PLANNING OR HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED. STAGE HAS NOW BEEN SET FOR GOP TO MAKE ITS CASE BEFORE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. PURNELL

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